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BUPERS NOTICE 1640

From: Chief of Naval Personnel

Subj: EVALUATION OF SUICIDE RISK PRISONERS

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 1640.9C  
(b) DoD Instruction 6490.4 of 28 Aug 97  
(c) NAVMEDCOMINST 6520.1A

1. Purpose. To provide clarifying guidance governing evaluation of suicide risk prisoners to ensure compliance with references (a), (b) and (c).

2. Background. Reference (a), article 4205.5d authorizes a medical officer to medically clear suicide risk (SR) prisoners off SR status when deemed appropriate. Reference (b), paragraph 6.3.3.1 and reference (c), paragraph 4c extend this authority to Department of Defense (DoD) psychiatrists, doctoral-level clinical psychologists or doctoral-level clinical social workers with clinical practice privileges.

3. Policy. When prisoners are no longer considered to be suicide risks by DoD medical officers, psychiatrists, doctoral-level clinical psychologists or doctoral-level clinical social workers with clinical practice privileges, they shall be returned to appropriate berthing quarters.

4. Action

a. Brig officers shall comply with policy contained above and revise local operating procedures accordingly.

b. Navy Personnel Command, Corrections and Programs (PERS-00D) shall incorporate the provisions of the above policy in future revision of correctional policy.

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5. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, shall be managed per Secretary of the Navy Manual 5210.1 of November 2007.

6. Cancellation Contingency. This notice will remain in effect until revision of SECNAVINST 1640.9C, publication of a related BUPERS instruction or for 1 year, whichever occurs first. This notice may be retained for reference purposes only.

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